

Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board Meeting  
March 28, 2022  
Held via Zoom  
Minutes

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**Present:** Marilyn Burns, Rachel Chmielewski, Anne Cobbin, Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler, Anna Howells, Bishop C.M. Jenkins, Brent Kelley, Ruth Mastriana, Bill Morvay, Sylvia Scott, Eric Ungaro, Linda Warino, and Chelsey Zoldan-Calhoun

**Absent:** Jim Bertrando, Victor Daprile, Chief Bob Gavalier, Anne Lally, and Atty. Thomas Vasvari

**Staff:** Duane Piccirilli, Brenda Heidinger, Lee DeVita, Jessica Makosky, Michelle Werth, and Valerie Burney

**Guests** Darla Gallagher, Jionna Gillins, Joe Shorokey, Tammy Weaver, Stacia Erdos, Cathy Grizinski, H Wilson, Darryl Alexander

Anne Cobbin, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**30 – 2022: Motion: Anna Howells– to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2021, MCMHRB meeting. Seconded: Chelsey Zoldan-Calhoun...motion carried.**

**31 – 2022: Motion: Linda Warino– to approve the Board sending a letter to the Youngstown City School Board in regards to PAX GBG training for all teachers, grades kindergarten through third grade.... Seconded: Scott Fowler...motion carried.**

#### **Officer Reports**

##### **A. Chair Report**

- Anne Cobbin

##### **B. Treasurers Report**

- Scott Fowler reviewed the Treasurer's report and Blanket List of Bills for February 2022 for the Mahoning County MHR Board. \*Balance of General Ledger only reflects the cash balance and does not represent contractual appropriations through the end of SFY22.

**32 – 2022: Motion: Scott Fowler – to approve the February 2022 Treasurers Report. Seconded: Eric Ungaro...motion carried.**

**33 – 2022: Motion: Scott Fowler– to approve the February 2022 Blanket List of Bills. Seconded: Eric Ungaro...motion carried.**

#### **Committee Report**

- Ways and Means Committee- March 21, 2022
  - Scott Fowler reviewed the minutes from the Ways and Means Committee meeting.
  - Mark updated the Board on the approved calendar year budget and explained the process in creating the budget vs the state fiscal year budget.

- Scott reviewed the new funding and allocations as follows:
  - AUD Treatment - \$100,000.00 of state Substance Abuse Block Grant COVID Relief Funding was allocated to the Board. These funds will be used to specifically treat clients with an Alcohol Use Disorder. Funding will be available until 6/30/2022.

Agency	Amount	Purpose
Flying High	\$ 9,000.00	Recovery Housing
Small Steps	\$ 9,000.00	Recovery Housing
Progress House	\$ 9,000.00	Recovery Housing
Broadway Recovery	\$ 9,000.00	Recovery Housing
Gypsy House	\$ 9,000.00	Recovery Housing
NKRC	\$ 30,000.00	Treatment and Fellowship Hall Support
Meridian	\$ 25,000.00	Treatment
	\$100,000.00	

- Indigent Placement Funding - \$160,000.00 in ARPA funding was provided to Board to continue our indigent funding to Mercy Health Youngstown to provide a per diem of \$800.00 per day for clients that cannot be transported to Heartland to COVID restrictions. These funds will be available until 6/30/2022.
- ODOD (Ohio Department of Development) Supportive Housing Grant-\$41,975.00 was award to Meridian Healthcare by the department for supportive housing. This funding provides 50% of the required matching funds for the project. The Board serves as a pass through for this funding.
- Forensic Monitoring - \$7,605.00 was allocated to the Board from Mental Health Block Grant COVID relief funding. This funding will be allocated to Forensic Psychiatric Center of Northeast Ohio to provide the necessary services required for clients that receive a conditional release from incarceration. These funds will be available until 6/30/2022.
- TIC Grant - \$5,000.00 was granted to the Board to continue to fund Trauma Informed Care training through the Mahoning County Juvenile Court Community Advisory Board. These funds will be available until 6/30/2022.

**34 – 2022: Motion: Scott Fowler on behalf of the Ways and Means Committee – to approve accept the funding and approve the allocations of the funding as reviewed. . motion carried.**

**Executive Director Report**

- See attached report.

**Old Business**

- Diversity update – Valerie Burney reported that she is actively working with Youngstown City School's school counselors about diversity training and the Mental Health and Recovery Board scholarship. They had a great turnout at the Strong Women Strong Girls event. They were expecting 5 women and 27 women showed up. She is actively working on the Hope Conference, attending health fairs, and planning the baby shower event.

**New Business**

- None

**Board Member Remarks**

- None

**Agency Remarks:**

- Daria Gallagher, Meridian HealthCare, no updates at this time.
- Jlonna Gillins, Mercy Health, Mercy Health is seeing an increase in patients since California Palms closed.
- Cathy Grizinski, Help Network, reported that they received their CARF certification. Todd Marian, Chief Operating Officer, retired. Lisa Marchese is running the Representative Payeeship Program.
- Joe Shorokey, Alta –Reported that DayBreak will be closing and is concerned about the future impact this will have on the community. Alta is working with Akron Childrens Hospital to implement CARE services (Children at Risk Evaluation Center).
- Stacia Erdos, Coleman, no updates at this time.
- HaSheen Wilson, New Vision Behavioral Health, no updates at this time.
- Darryl Alexandar, YUMADAOP, reported they are working on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome awareness with two components; media awareness and prevention. YUMADAOP is currently working on their OhioMHAS certification renewal.

The next Board meeting will be held on March 28, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Minutes reported by:

Minutes recorded by:

Anna Howells  
Secretary

Jessica Makosky  
Accounts Clerk

